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DAN RATHER: The Central Intelligence Agency, subject to considerable bad publicity in recent years, finds itself embroiled now in another controversy, one that may not be of its making.

This one involves a former agent named Edwin Wilson, who has fled this country to avoid an indictment for illegal explosive sales to Libya. And Wilson has been linked to an attempt to kill an enemy of Libya's leader, Colonel Qaddafi, an attempt that involved the hiring of hit men with CIA connections.

George Krile has been investigating.

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GEORGE KRILE: These were the hit men recruited by Ed Wilson. Rafael "Chi-Chi" Quantero (?), recruited by the CIA before the Bay of Pigs and, for several years after, a leader of the infiltration team running terrorist operations to Cuba.

Raul Villaverde, an eight year veteran of the CIA's secret war on Cuba, demolitions expert, key member of the infiltration team. His brother, Rafael Villaverde, Bay of Pigs veteran, another of the CIA's longtime infiltration agents.

Quantero had worked for Ed Wilson before as an undercover agent for the shadowy naval intelligence unit known as Navy Task Force 157. Wilson was forced out of that unit in April, 1976. But Quantero has told CBS News that he was still with naval intelligence in August, the very time he signed on as a hit man for Wilson.